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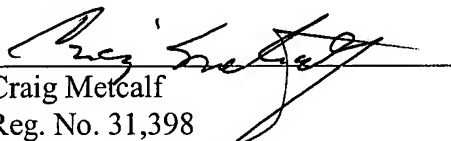
1. German Patent Application No. DE 198 60 933, published February 28, 2002 discloses: An airbag arrangement and method includes an airbag module, which has a module housing and an airbag. The airbag is arranged so that it sequentially unfolds so that it ultimately becomes positioned in front of the passenger. The module is mounted along a roof region of the vehicle, in front of a passenger seat, with an opening of the housing facing toward the windshield. The airbag has a first section and a second section extending from the first section at an angle, which can be substantially at 90°. The first and second sections are configured to deploy substantially downwardly along the windshield. The second section is configured to further deploy toward the passenger, below the passenger's head level
2. German Patent Application No. DE 299 16 177, published March 30, 2000 discloses: a connection between an airbag and an inflator including a clamp for holding the connection in place.
3. Japanese Patent No. JP 11-291854, published October 26, 1999 discloses: An air bag device is provided with an inflator for controlling the jetting-out of pressure gas, a diffuser for controlling the amount and the direction of the pressure gas jetted out of the inflator, an air bag inflated by the pressure gas controlled by the diffuser, and a housing for housing the inflator,

the diffuser and the air bag and having an opening for the inflating of the air bag. In the vicinity of the opening of the housing, a level difference is formed nearly in parallel with the end of the opening. A buckling generation through-hole is formed in the level difference for locally reducing rigidity in the vicinity of the opening so as to generate buckling.

4. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 10-264761, published October 6, 1998 discloses: An air bag module is composed of at least an inflator member and an air bag expanded with gas blown out of the inflator member. The inflator member is fitted into a reaction can fastened to a roof member of a vehicle in such a way that its blowoff direction is the direction of an occupant seated on a rear seat. The air bag body is disposed to expand in space between a thigh part M1 and an upper body part M2 of the occupant. The upper body part M2 of the occupant is therefore inclined forward, and collision energy is absorbed until collision load is converged, so that the occupant can be effectively protected without receiving the reaction of the air bag body by a body structural member.

5. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 7-117605, published May 9, 1995 discloses: In an air bag for an automobile in which combustion gas generated in an inflator is made to flow into a bag so as to inflate the bag and protect an occupant, when the prescribed acceleration is detected, the air bag for the automobile is so constituted that the air bag is installed between a sun visor mounted on a roof and the upper end of a front window shield.

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